

Boston, March 21, 1848.

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you for papers containing your discourse on Mr. Adams, and Address ~~due~~ to the Sons of Temperance - the latter received today. I have just glanced at them - and you will not blame ^{me} for not having yet read them, when I tell you I have not yet found time to read Mr. Parker's Sermon ~~on~~ Mr. Adams, and but a portion of that on the most Christian use of the Sunday. My time is very much occupied with the business of the Agency, and my moments for private reading are very few.

Mr. Henry K. May yesterday buried his youngest Son, Henry - aged 20; a severe loss to him and to his wife, who used to say Henry was both son and daughter to her. He was a quiet fellow, very much attached to home and his Mother. A severe & protracted fever consumed his life. It was a sad funeral.

The parcels which you forwarded by Mr. Saul were duly delivered. My father has a parcel for you, to go by Mr. Saul. The papers for England I have not yet forwarded. Had they come to hand 3 or 4 days sooner, I could have sent them in a box to Rich^d D. Webb. I may hear of a private conveyance; if not, shall I forward them by Mail?

I believe I lately sent you a copy of the Annual Report of the Mass. Antislavery Society. But I send another herewith to make sure.

The Anti-Sabbath Convention meets this week. You did not, as I learned from your letter to Mr. Garrison, approve of the Convention. But it seems to me that some movement of this sort is absolutely necessary, 1. To rescue Sunday from the hands of those monopolizers of it, who slight & reject the express declaration that "the Sabbath was made for man - for humanity & all its claims - and not man for the Sabbath" - and 2. To make a stand against those wily & despotic priests, who are seeking to lay a Sabbath-yoke on the shoulders of this people, as much opposite to Christianity and the express teaching of Jesus and the Apostles as it is, or will be, oppressive & vexatious in itself.

My wife has lately suffered a good deal from the bad growth of a nail on her left foot. It is a difficulty of long standing, but had become so bad, that she called Dr. Warren to see it. He said there was no radical cure of the difficulty but to extirpate the nail, and all that produced it; and accordingly lunar caustic was applied to eat out the flesh around the nail, with the nail itself. This was a horrible torture to her, which I thought she would hardly get through with. But at last, after bleeding, leeching, & giving opiates, she got relief;

this was last Thursday - she is now pretty well.

In a few weeks I shall move my family back to Leicester, for the summer at least. I do not expect to be able to pass much time there myself, but I shall be there all I can. I was in Boston so much, last Summer, as to be heartily sick of it. I long for the space, room, freedom & rest of the country - or, at least, occasional rest.

I send you a few other tracts which I hope will be acceptable to you. Father says he has sent you a copy of Parker's Sermon on Sunday.

A strong desire was expressed by Mr. Garrison to have you attend the Annual Meeting of the American Society at New York the first of May. I wish you could. Other anniversaries, Unitarian, &c. will take place at the same time. I know you are, as I am myself, hampered & obliged to practise much self-denial in pecuniary matters. But still I hope to go there, and, if so, to meet you. I think you may exert a good influence on the Unitarian meetings.

The French News has interested you, of course. It will startle the nations of the Old World, and will perhaps teach a lesson to the New which will put it to shame.

With much love to all your family,

Yours affectionately

S. May Jr.

Rev. Sawt. J. May,
Syracuse,

For'd by
Rev. Mr. Paul.

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J. May Jr.
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